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My dear sister,

I feel as if it were a privilege to mingle in feeling with
the waders ~~the~~ recent loss we have sustained in the removal of our be-
loved friend Anna Chapman; yet I may acknowledge there is ever in my
bosom a feeling of rejoicing when I hear that another blest spirit has
been disenthralled & been permitted to enter that new Jerusalem af-
ter which my own soul so earnestly pants, oh how precious is the
belief that our loss is her gain & that she is in the enjoyment of that
ineffable bliss which an entrance into the joys of her Lord can alone
confer— Such dispensations are eminently designed to teach us how
futile are earthly hopes & dependencies & to lead us to renewed trust
in the Lord Jehovah in whom is everlasting strength, let us remem-
ber the unfailing promise "They that trust in the Lord, shall be as
Mount Zion which cannot be removed, but abideth forever, as the
mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his
people from henceforth even forever"— In contemplating the event
which has deprived us of the valued & efficient labors of our sister I have
felt as if it were a demand up us by Omnipotence himself to double
our diligence, a call for the exercise of that faith in the love & power
of our dear Redeemer without which it is impossible to please God
oh may the language of our stricken souls be "Lord what wilt thou have
us to do"— I hope my dear sister thou wilt not abandon the design of
coming up to our help in the approaching Convention, we shall greatly

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need the aid of those whose minds are thoroly imbued with the principles of Anti-Slavery, those who have stood the test of obloquy & reproach & been willing to suffer for the oppressed down-trodden slave, not only for him, but for his despised compatriot the free colored man, my heart often sickens at the humiliating proofs daily displayed that that mind is not in us abolitionists which was in Christ Jesus, that too few of us are willing to be accounted of no reputation & classed with those who are esteemed the off-scouring of all things. Come then dear sister & encourage others to come up to the help of the Lord in the mighty work before us & let us all bear the Convention on our hearts to a throne of grace; let us intercede that Jesus may be with us & breathe on us that we may receive the Holy Ghost. May we come together under the heartfelt conviction that without Christ we can do nothing. — All who reflect on the subject with the seriousness it requires must feel that our Meeting together as a national Convention is a step of great importance; the eyes of many will be fixed upon us watching for our halting. It is exceedingly to be desired that all the strength we have should be concentrated at that time; we hope to have the company of some of our colored sisters from your city, their services will we think be needed. — We have concluded to obtain specimens of work, painting, ^{compositions} writing, & any thing ^{of persons} from our colored schools, which will evince the talents & improvement of the pupils, to exhibit at the Convention. — It has also been proposed that the different Anti-slavery societies should bring a variety of articles such as they make for sale, hoping that as there will be a great concourse of strangers in the city, it may be a favorable time to sell them, what is to be done with the proceeds of such sale will of course

be decided by those who are most concerned— May it not contribute to the formation of sewing societies where none exist to bring some pieces of silk, mottos &c. to give away to incite to a beginning if it be deemed expedient— If it will not be imposing a burden on thee, may I request thy attention to the above named subjects I may add that the Philad. So. expect to send on colored Delegates (we think I speak only of my sister & myself as this is a private communication) it very desirable other A. S. S. should be represented in the same way— It is all important that we begin right & I know of no way so likely to destroy the cruel prejudices that exist as to bring our sisters in contact with those who shrink from such intercourse, the modest worth & unassuming yet dignified deportment of many of our colored friends must I think put the supercilious arrogance of their fairer countrywomen to the blush & compel them to acknowledge that of a truth God is no respecter of persons—

Please give our love to brother Garrison & his wife I received his letter I will be obliged to him to send me the pamphlet he mentions I shall want it I think before he comes to N. Y. unless he intends being here ^{very} shortly—

Your state is an object of deep interest & solicitude, it fills the vision of the South at this crisis, & it will need abundant moral effort I expect the coming year to make Massachusetts true to herself, I rejoice that there are many efficient laborers amongst you, I hope that many others may be prepared by the Lord of the harvest to go forth into this field— Our lot may probably be cast there next summer as our friends seem to think it will be the right place

our hope is in the promise of our God "I will lead thee about I instruct thee;" To him dear sister we are looking, almost ready at seasons to faint in the prospect before us, yet feeling that God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty - and that in Him is our trust - Farewell my sister united in love to the dear land in Boston with thy friend in the gospel of Christ

April 7th 1837
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about death of
Ann Chapman
& A. S. matters

Please let me hear from thee my address is "Care of David Sands 53. Nott Street"

Would it not be desirable to have a short & simple Address prepared to Children, to be used by the Com. as so many juv. A. S. S. are now formed & will some Mother in Boston do this before we meet

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